

# Omaha claims state title, 1-0

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**MASON CITY** — Marc Rood carried the Omaha Junior Lancers again.

Rood stopped 15 shots and recorded his second consecutive shutout as Omaha defeated the Des Moines Capitals 1-0 for the Iowa High School Hockey League state championship Sunday at the North Iowa Ice Arena.

It was the first championship for Omaha since 1996. The Junior Lancers also won in 1995 and finished second in 1997 and 1998.

Rood, who had 27 saves in a 4-0 victory over Mason City Saturday, earned the state tournament Most Valuable Player.

"The team just played incredible in front of me," Rood said. "They helped me all weekend. They scored the goals and I stopped the shots. It just works out like that and we won."

"I felt I was in the game and the team was in the game and we were all pumped to play this weekend. It's unbelievable. It's awesome."

Rood becomes the first Junior Lancer to win the tournament MVP since Tom Ogee in 1996. Robert Pullum also earned MVP honors in 1995.

"I couldn't have won it without this team," Rood said. "They're awesome."

Kyle Greer scored the games only goal at 5:06 in the first period.

Greer slipped the puck under the left leg of Des Moines goalie Ben Boulden, who made 26 saves, for the unassisted, game-winning goal.

"This feels very good," first-year Omaha coach Chuck Nano said. "I knew I had the team to do it when the year



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Trevor Greer of the Omaha Junior Lancers gets the game-winning goal past the Des Moines Capitals' goalie Ben Boulden in the first period of Sunday's championship game. The Junior Lancers won 1-0.

begin. I never had any doubts. I'm very proud of the boys. They did an excellent job."

While the victory was sweet for Nano, he said the game would have been more comfortable with a bigger goal margin.

"I had a lot of confidence in my goaltender and I knew he was going to be tough to beat," he said. "We just pretty much put it all on him and he got the job done."

## KANSAS CITY 6, SIOUX CITY 0

Kansas City scored three goals in the first period and three more in the third period as the Junior Blades defeated Sioux City in the consolation final.

Ryan Heinbuch and Cody Hays each had two goals and an assist for Kansas City.

Junior Blades goalie Stephen Reneau stopped 25 shots for the shutout.

The two teams combined for

18 penalties resulting in 87 penalty minutes.

## OAK LEAFS 4, DUBUQUE 1

Des Moines Oak Leafs goaltender Matt Barth made 19 saves leading the Oak Leafs past Dubuque in Sunday's seventh-place game.

Jason Brown, John Benson and Brent Ridnour each had one goal and one assist.

### OMAHA 1, CAPITALS 0

Score by quarters: (1) (2) (3) Tot:  
Capitals 0 0 0 0  
Omaha 1 0 0 1

FIRST PERIOD — 1, Omaha, Kyle Greer (unassisted), 5:06.

SECOND PERIOD — None.

THIRD PERIOD — None.

Shots on goal — Capitals 7-2-6—15.

Omaha 7-13-7—27.

Penalties — Capitals 4-8, Omaha 5-10.

Goalsies — Capitals, Ben Boulden (27 shots-26 saves), Omaha, Marc Rood (15 shots-15 saves).

### KANSAS CITY 6, SIOUX CITY 0

Score by periods: (1) (2) (3) Tot:  
Kansas City 3 0 3—6  
Sioux City 0 0 0—0

FIRST PERIOD — 1, Kansas City, Ryan Heinbuch (James Moore), :49. 2, Kansas City, B.J. Featherstone (David Johnson, Cody Hays), 5:35. 3, Kansas City, Hein-

buch (Mike Mathis), 7:29 (sh).

SECOND PERIOD — None.

THIRD PERIOD — 4, Kansas City, Hays (Cory Miller, Kyle Meier), 8:18 (pp), 5, Kansas City, Brad Bennett (Moore), 9:07 (pp), 6, Kansas City, Hays (Heinbuch), 11:05 (pp).

Shots on goal — Kansas City 14-3-8—25. Sioux City 6-6-13—25.

Penalties — Kansas City 8-36. Sioux City 10-51.

Goalsies — Kansas City, Stephen Reneau (25 shots-25 saves), Sioux City, Ryan Dornhann (16 shots-13 saves), Ross Patrick (9 shots-6 saves).

### OAK LEAFS 4, DUBUQUE 1

Score by periods: (1) (2) (3) Tot:  
Oak Leafs 2 0 2—4  
Dubuque 0 1 0—1

FIRST PERIOD — 1, Oak Leafs, John Benson (Drew Schade), 2:27. 2, Oak Leafs, Jason Brown (Dylan Kytola, Brent Ridnour), 12:34.

SECOND PERIOD — 3, Dubuque, Justin Muehlerkamp (Ryan Johnson, Nate Gaherty), 9:13 (pp).

THIRD PERIOD — 4, Oak Leafs, Ridnour (Benson, Brown), 11:58. 5, Kyle Lynch (Matt Schroeder), 8:27.

Shots on goal — Oak Leafs 10-6-7—23. Dubuque 6-6-8—20.

Penalties — Oak Leafs 1-2. Dubuque 2-4.

Goalsies — Oak Leafs, Matt Barth (20 shots-19 saves), Dubuque, Joe Stauck (23 shots-19 saves).